SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know whether in these general institutions where Harijans and non-Harijans will be indiscriminately admitted, as part of the new policy which the Government have announced, midday meals prepared by Harijan stewards also would be shared by caste Hindus and Harijans so that we can liquidate even at the source this caste distinction?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Preference will be given to the Harijans in the matter of admission. Whether we could allow other caste people to take midday meals is to be examined because the cost will be highly prohibitive.

Amendment to section 64-A of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939

* 2915 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the reasons for not giving effect to the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act amending section 64-A of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : All the necessary procedure relating to the bringing into effect of the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act has been made. The only thing that remains is the necessary amendment to the existing ruling and the necessary notification is also being issued in this connexion.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM : பூர்ணமாக இந்த விதி அமுலுக்கு வரஎத்தனை வருஷ காலம் பிடிக்கும் ?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : இன்னும் ஒரு மாதத்திற்குள் வந்துவிடும்.

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : What about the framing of the rules for the purpose?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : The framing of the rules is being expedited.

Admission to Madras Engineering College

* 2918 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of students admitted in the Engineering College in Madras City in the year 1952;

(*b*) how many of them belong to Harijan communities and Backward Classes; and

(*c*) how many of these in clause (*b*) were granted residential scholarships?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) 129.

(*b*) Harijans 8.
Backward 22.

(*c*) Harijans 7.
Backward 15.